

NEWS RELEASE

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Test Cancellation

Richland, WA—Benton County Emergency Management has cancelled today's regular monthly test of the sirens and Tone Alert Radios in southern Benton County. The cancellation is due to operational issues with siren equipment that emergency management officials in Oregon's Umatilla and Morrow counties are currently experiencing. Benton County cancelled their test to avoid any confusion since the sirens in Washington can also be heard across the river in Oregon.

The Tone Alert Radios and the warning sirens are part of the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program (CSEPP) for the Umatilla Chemical Depot located near Hermiston, Oregon.

For additional information regarding the tone alert radios, the warning sirens or general information CSEPP, please call Benton County Emergency Management at (800) 841-7953 or visit our web site at www.bces.wa.gov.

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